

In the Matter of)
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CenturyLink's Petition for Limited Waiver) WC Docket No. 08-71

³ See, e.g., *The Telecommunications Access Policy Division Of The Wireline Competition Bureau Grants Petitions Requesting Waiver Of Various High-Cost Universal Service Filing Deadlines*, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 13507 (2012).

support already received and utilized but also potentially would result in the loss of all future LSS-based frozen support for these two study areas. This would significantly hinder CenturyLink's ability to provide quality service to its customers in the rural areas in Colorado and Idaho at issue here.

In contrast to this harm if the requested relief is not granted, no party will be adversely affected if the relief is granted, as further evidenced by the fact that no party has filed comments opposing the requested relief. Additionally, CenturyLink promptly remedied its procedural error and has revised its filing processes to ensure that the error triggering this missed filing deadline does not recur. On balance, the public interest is better served in granting the relief sought.

For these reasons as explained in its petition and because the petition has not been opposed, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission grant the petition and provide the requested relief as soon as practicable.

CenturyLink also supports the similar petitions for waiver of the 2011 LSS true-up deadline filed by other carriers.⁴ Each carrier has demonstrated that the missed deadline was the result of a minor ministerial, clerical, or procedural error, has promptly remedied the error, and has demonstrated that the public interest is better served by granting the requested relief. The Commission should grant all of the pending petitions for waiver of Commission Rule 54.301(e).

⁴ See Jordan Soldier Valley Telephone Company, Petition for Waiver – Expedited Action Requested, filed Jan. 8, 2013; Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Company, Petition for Waiver – Expedited Action Requested, filed Jan. 11, 2013; FairPoint Communications, Inc., Petition for Waiver to True-Up Local Switching Support, filed Jan. 16, 2013; Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation, Petition for Waiver, dated Jan. 17, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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